CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER KESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Water Kates charged by DDA

628. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority pro pone to charge water rates from the residents of its colonies squaring to these of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi based on actual meter reading instead of the earlier pract'ce of charging flat rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENr WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON); (a) The Delhi Develop ment Authority has decided to levy water charges from the residents of its colonies at the same rates as is being charged by Delhi Water Supply and Sewerage Disposal Undertaking of M.C.D.

(b) (i) For metered connections water consumption rates|schedule of rates applicable in the D.W.S. & S.DU. of M.C.D. are applicable in D.D.A.

(ii) For unmetered domestic connection or for connectlions where the meters are found to be out of order, flat rate consmption charges is applicable.

(iii) Boosting charges are recoverable in such colonies/pockets where boosting installations have been installed on the distribution system.

Rampant Corruption in DDA 629. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news report appearing in the daiy "The Hindustan Times", New Delhi, on the 7th April, 1993 under caption. This is Delhi clerk is monarch of all the surveys highlighting the rampant corruption in DDA;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove corruption in DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken by DDA to minimise corruption.

(1). The Vigilance Depart ment has been specially instruc ted to expedite action against corrupt officials.

(2) Regular public hearings are conducted at the levels of Directors, Commissioners, Members and Vice-Chairman and the compaints of the public are sorted out.

(3) Allotment of flats is made by draw of lots through compu ter and wide publicity is given from time to time about the draws. Special drives have been conducted to clear the long pen ding cases of mutations, con version, etc. The policy relating to allotment of flats has been st reamlined, leaving little discre tion to the staff to make arbit rary decisions.

Rates of Penal Interest charged by Cooperative Group Housing Societies

630. SHRI LAKHI RAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister o*f* URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Cooperative Group Housing